

## BY HELEN MAR

spiritual forces, not in the nervous functions of the physical world, which is shown most conclusively in the lifeless forms from which the spiritual forces have withdrawn themselves. All the avenues, through which the mind expressed itself are closed. The door of communication between the spiritual forces and the physical body is forever hoisted and barred, and all seems

which he had no control? Man has no choice as to who shall be his parents—whether he shall inherit poverty or riches; whether he will be surrounded by influences of a high moral, spiritual, or intellectual character, or *vice versa*. Then where lays the responsibility? With the child, the man, or with the infinite cause that projected him into life?

[To be continued.]

## No. 1

As to our senses, we are made in the best manner we possibly could be. If we were so formed as to see into the minute configuration of a post, we should break our shins against it. We see for use

SHOW YOUR COLORS.

With the world, the flesh, and sin.

D I C T I O N A R Y

with clearness and wonderful vividness. At other places the times have been able to pass beyond my earthly life, leaving, in this form, an experience as thrilling as recollection. I have lived in forms prior to a human body, in the etheric, astral, and mental planes, and have seen the sphere Mar, and others, expect to reach the etheric plane without passing out of the old form, and be born again into another; as Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." How explain the "Veils" of wonderment, amazement, and astonishment, which surround the spiritual power to notice through the material, as well as the spiritual power? How explain what the medium Jesus said, "A body must thus be prepared for the use of the spirit," who said, "Behold I stand at the door; and will knock, if any man will hear my voice, I will come in and eat with him, and he will be with me, and we will be one." How explain the power of the medium, and the various manifestations of the spirit?

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**The Harmonial Philosophers.**

MR. EDITOR:—The Scepticism of those Harmonial philosophers, who question the integrity of mediums, for physical manifestations, reminds me of the following occurrence at a public meeting at Franklin Hall, in the early days of modern Spirituism.

One of the speakers was detailing some phenomena he had witnessed under circumstances which precluded his ascribing the same to trick, when

ment of a table, without any visible agency, was, or not, referable to trick, he being accorded, and availing himself of the privilege to carefully and attentively observe, and there were no concealed agency, to which the phenomena could be ascribed? The Professor then made no definite reply, and I have since sometimes thought this reply to him, in some degree, prompted his early and earnest investigation of physical phenomena without stopping to enquire, "Hath any of the Elders believed." Here is an example which I think the Spiritualists would do well to consider carefully. If they ally investigated physical manifestations for themselves, instead of surrendering their reason to the control of "the elders" their inspiring "Guides" and thus "try the spirits."

Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group and the experimental group. The control group was divided into two subgroups: the control group and the experimental group. The experimental group was divided into two subgroups: the control group and the experimental group. The control group was divided into two subgroups: the control group and the experimental group. The experimental group was divided into two subgroups: the control group and the experimental group.

**Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent.**

Lent, will begin on next Wednesday, 26th inst. There are certain ceremonies in the Romish Church, in reference to it which may be summarized as follows. Next Tuesday, 25th inst., will be celebrated as Shrove-tide, when the faithful in the Church must confess their sins. This is called shriving. It was instituted at the beginning of the reformation, and continued to the time of Lent. According to the well established laws of the Roman Catholic Church, after the faith-

Romish. This consists in threatening vengeance against impenitent sinners. In former centuries it had a terrifying effect, but at the present time it has lost its power among enlightened people.

see into the future.—*Goethe.*







## Spirit Communications.

Under this head each number of MIND AND MATTER will contain three or more communications from spirits, such as may be of special interest, and at the same time be calculated to demonstrate the psychological power and influence of disembodied human intelligence over the physical organism of those sensitive persons known as spiritual mediums. In closing matter for this purpose, we will give nothing but that which we personally know, or have every reason to believe, is from communicating spirits. The question of identification of the spirits communicating, we will in no case attempt to determine, as that is a matter that would require facilities of perception which we do not pretend to possess. [Editor.]

Communications received through Alfred James, of Philadelphia, while unconsciously entranced, and taken down by the editor of MIND AND MATTER, as they fell from the lips of the medium, Feb. 17, 1870.

GOOD MORNING, SIR—I am very weak. All that friends could do to keep me here, they did, but my time has come. I feel more reconciled as a spirit than I was as a mortal to give up my young life here. Being only nineteen or twenty years of age, I had just begun to taste some of the pleasures of life, but my organism was frail. I came here to-day to say a few words, in order that you may be assured that I am happy and working towards better conditions. I have met several of my relatives who preceded me to the spirit life. There is no pain now, and I feel that I have left the mortal coil, and it may be that I have come to know that I am free from all earthly troubles.

Sign me, ALFRED JAMES, Whitewater, Wisconsin.

GOOD MORNING, SIR—It is difficult to so act in the mortal life as to be able to regard as a spirit, for on entering the spiritual state, you look around you and seem to see much more clearly and definitely than you did when in the mortal body. You can then feel the back of your hand, and know that if you had used your reason and judgment at the proper moments, your whole life might have been more successful.

The worst fact that a man or woman has are the passions within his or her breast, and the fight must be manfully entered into with them if you want to prevail over them. Long have the people of this world lived with faith and hope, but the age which demand demonstration has come. Although when in the mortal form, I earnestly, honestly propounded the Christian religion, and the true Christianity does not now exist. The time has come when what is called Christianity must give way for something better. It is made up of many impossible requirements. A man or woman consist in having an exalted standard of morals, which is not lived up to. Only that virtue and morality that is practicable is worth anything in an age demanding knowledge. When you have such a plain, honest code of morals that any man or woman can live up to, you will soon be able to go a step higher, and make your morality pure. Those who claim to be Christians, and who hold out to you what may be called a crucifix of spirituality, but its meagerness can never satisfy that inner craving for the truth, and nothing but the truth, that sooner or later comes to every human soul.

Hymns and verses I wrote in my mortal state, which, as I look back on them, I regret as the Spirit life, in the light of the intelligence that I have gathered there, makes me blush with shame for my narrow-mindedness. Sign me

ISAAC VATTIS.

GOOD MORNING—I was gathered by old King Death like a ripe ear of wheat. I had the right off the matter of old deceptions in the way of religions. I wanted no priest, no minister, to show me the way to those brighter conditions in the after or spirit life. I felt that I was arriving at a definite conclusion before you depart for the spirit world, and to reach such a conclusion you can only be aided by the light afforded by the phenomena of modern Spiritualism. These facts enable you when in the mortal state to look across the shadow of the shadow of Death, and see the light of the spirit world. Your spirit with a balm almost like heavenly dew. By that I mean that you gather communications from the spirit world, and in this way become the ferryman to carry your spirit to the point for which you are prepared. The mythical character of spirits in the spirit world, and the fact that the waters of the spirit world have something of a shadow about it which the nineteenth century is perceiving the clear dawn of.

Of friends I had many during my sojourn in the mortal state, and I know that many will be glad to hear from me. I would say to those who know me, lay hold of the spiritual light and your angel friends will surround you upon your death bed, and your spirit with them, where all will be happy in unity and the purpose to advance towards the fountain of truth and knowledge. I was a resident of Connecticut. My name is,

ELISHA MORGAN.

Chia-wan-aka said this was a very old brave, who had been a Spiritualist in his earth life, and was known by a large number of people in Connecticut. Here the presence of John Brown's spirit was announced. We sang the verse—

"John Brown's body lies a mouldering in the grave,  
But his soul's marching on."

When he succeeded in getting control of the medium, he said:

"That is a fact. If my body lies in the dust, my spirit is not there."

Never be an enthusiast—never strike in advance of your time, if you value your life. In certain periods the public mind upon this planet can stand only so much of truth, and he or she who dares to step beyond the limits of the public mind, will be apt to die the death of a dog. But even by such a death there rings out throughout the world the voice of victory to those who have suffered martyrdom to benefit their fellow-men. The reaction caused by my death effected a great result.

I prophesied, yea, verily, when the true spirit of prophecy was upon me, and what I said came to pass. My death was only the ushering in of the downfall of slavery, and John Brown's spirit is marching on to-day throughout the length and breadth of this globe. Men may die, but their names may pass away, but the eternal spirit of truth marches on. Let every mortal help on its progress all he can. Sign me,

JOHN BROWN.

GOOD MORNING—Well, I was wiped out stranger, amongst the greasers, somewhere about forty-four; and I tell you there was some of the tallest stuff going at that time that was ever seen. I have come here to-day to get a little more light, and it is by the advice of an old woman, in order that I may be able to get free from the hands of the greasers in prison, that they talk about, and I'll tell you what kind of a prison it is. It is a prison of low conditions—a prison of low and groveling lusts and debauchery; and the time has come when this thing is devilish nearly played out, and I want to get up and do something for this spunk that never dies. Well, stranger, I lived hard, and died hard, and have had a hard time of it ever since. But this thing has got to end. Well I've got a kind of diversion by coming here, and I'll keep my eyes upon it. Well my name is Samuel Fowler, and I have known you since you were a boy. I have many friends here now, I think they have all enquired. There was the old man and six sons. I got wiped out about five miles from San Antonio, because I was a prisoner, and the expedition and we got into a fight with some greasers and I was wiped out.

[This spirit was advised and encouraged to follow up his good resolutions, and he left, thanking us and bidding us a most grateful and friendly adieu. Ed.]

Mrs. Lydia F. Fowler, wife of Professor L. N. Fowler, departed from earth life on Sunday, December 20th, at St. Augustine's road, Camden Square, London. She was born at Nantucket, Mass., and was a descendant of the mother of Benjamin Franklin. She was ill for more than ten weeks, which was borne with exemplary patience and resignation. Her last public act was giving a lecture jointly with her husband, on temperance, in the Congregational Church, in Leicester Square, in November last.

## Lecturers, Mediums, Spiritual Briefs and Items of News.

The Spiritual Lyceum, of Cleveland, Ohio, is in a view of the new "signs" of the times, of the Bishop Foley, of the Roman Church, at Chicago, died at that place on Wednesday, 19th inst.

The Pope has proclaimed universal jubilee and indulgence on the anniversary of his election.

Cardinal Neri declares that the papacy has not the means to continue the payment of the physical or of those sensitive persons known as spiritual mediums.

Dr. H. P. Fairfield is lecturing in Milford, N. H. His present address is Greenwich Village, Mass.

J. William Fletcher, of London, is establishing Sunday class meetings, where Spiritualism will be taught.

Mrs. Louisa Andrews and her sister are in London, where they are being received with great attention.

Mrs. Clara S. Polz, attorney at law has been admitted to practice in the Fourth District Court of Cook County, Illinois.

"Like begets like," the world over—"The Christians must go."

Congress of the United States has refused to transfer the Indians to the authority of the War Department.

Mr. W. H. Harrison, of Kentucky, announces the early publication of a work entitled "Spirits without Mediums."

Madam Blavatsky and Col. Olcott, having arrived in London, remained there a few days and then left for India.

"Saviour Truth," the aged colored medium, gave a reception to the aged folks of New York, on Saturday evening, 15th inst.

The Golden Rule Society, of Pennsylvania, re-organized on Sunday, 16th inst., at the hall, No. 530 Calowhill street.

The Woman's Church will be established in New York City, on the 1st of March, and so the gentler sex go marching on to glory.

All Spiritual associations in England are conducted with renewed vigor, and the number of the adherents is increasing.

Capt. H. H. Brown, is engaged in delivering lectures on Sundays of the present month for the Brooklyn, N. Y. Spiritual Society.

The Spiritual Improvement Class, of England, held their 10th annual conference, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Fletcher, on Sunday, 16th inst.

The Thirty-first anniversary of Modern Spiritualism will be commemorated on Sunday, March 30, at Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer street, London.

Dr. J. M. Peabody will deliver an oration to the Spiritualists of Toledo, Ohio, on the occasion of the anniversary of the advent of modern Spiritualism, on March 31st.

Bishop A. Deas, during his lecture tour at Washington, D. C., on the 1st of March, at the Opera House was filled to overflowing at his Sunday lectures.

Mr. A. R. Grote, in a recent lecture before the Buffalo Society of Spiritualists, said: "The difficulties of the human mind and an age is quantitative and not qualitative."

Mrs. S. B. Lockwood has succeeded in her efforts in obtaining an official recognition for women lawyers in the Supreme court of the United States. The world moves.

Mr. Chas. Bright, a talented and liberal lecturer, has been entertaining intelligent audiences, in New Zealand. His lectures are published in the Age, printed in London.

Mrs. C. B. Bliss, having astonished the people at Washington, D. C., with spiritual manifestations, has returned to Philadelphia, where she will give a series of lectures.

Local auxiliary Liberal Leagues are being organized throughout the State of Ohio. E. W. Turner and Frank O'Reilly, are empowered by the State League to organize them.

Miss Susan M. Johnson, formerly of Jackson, Mich., is located in South Minneapolis, Minn. She has been lecturing there and in that vicinity and is doing good work for the cause.

Mr. James Lawrence, a veteran Spiritualist, orator and lecturer, will deliver a lecture, on the 31st of March, a public anniversary day, commemorating the recognized origin of modern Spiritualism.

Miss Emily Kinsbury, of England has resigned her position as Secretary of the British National Association of Spiritualists, and has been elected to the position of Secretary of the British National Association of Spiritualists.

Rev. T. Ashcroft, lectured on Spiritualism recently, at the Lyceum, in New York City. He was much disusted at his "reckless abuse and buffoonery." Mr. Ashcroft had better throw ashes on his head on Ash Wednesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Watson, of Titusville, Pa., an entertaining and inspired speaker, appeared at Washington Hall, during the month of March. This gifted lady will always be cheerfully welcomed by intelligent people of Philadelphia.

In different sections of the State of Ohio, Dr. James M. Peabody, the pilgrim Spiritualist, has been greeted with much eclat, and the secular newspapers of that part of our great country, have published full and fair reports of his lectures.

Ezra H. Heywood will lecture on Sunday evening, Feb. 23d in Music Hall, Boston. Subject—"Prison Life and Lessons." He proposes to speak on the same subject in Providence, Worcester and other cities.

Mr. Berks T. Hutchinson, of Cape Town, reports a wonderful séance there, with Mr. Eglinton. A spirit appeared in a good light, picked up a pencil and carded, with the spirit of the dead, and was being visible all the time. Abdullah was the name of the spirit.

Laura Morgan, a recently developed spiritual medium, in Indiana, is attracting unusual attention. She has been lecturing in that State, and could invent, the spirits promenade with members of the circle." So says the Terra Haute Express, Feb. 18th.

Rev. Dr. Fulton, Baptist clergyman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been expelled from the "Pastors' Association," because in a recent debate in that body, he said the Rev. Dr. Sampson was a "secessionist in sentiment during the civil war." There is war now in the pastoral camp in Brooklyn.

George E. Ridler, of Boston, recites 12½ as correct the message of Elias Smith, the "Banner of Light," Feb. 1. Mr. Ridler says that Dr. Smith passed over thirty years ago. He was one of the firm of Mess. Smith & Abbott, and practiced medicine in New Thompson.

It has been ascertained, in consequence of a curious quarrel, between Belgium Chamber of Representatives, and the Roman Priesthood of France, Italy and Belgium, that a "mass agent" in France cleared \$17,000 in three months, by trading in "masses for the dead," and dividing the commissions with the priests.

Mediumship was the subject of Mr. J. William Fletcher's recent lectures in London. There was a very large attendance. Mr. Fletcher dealt with all the important aspects of the question in a way that seemed to make a very pleasant impression on the audiences. These lectures are strictly confined to Spiritualism, and are of great interest to enquirers.

A short time ago, Peirce, Fischer, a Polish Jew, died, at Lemberg, from lock-jaw. He was prepared for burial, and at 5 o'clock in the morning, two Jews, who were present, to perform the customary prayers, became alarmed, and fled in terror, the dead man arose from the coffin. One of them died. But the Jewish Sabbath intervening, Mr. Fischer would have been buried alive.

Mrs. Bell Young gave a "piano séance" on the evening of the 18th inst., at Boston, at the residence of Dr. Samuel Grover. The event, being in the programme, for the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Grover. The piano weighed nine hundred pounds, and it rose two feet from the floor, while Mrs. Young fingered the keys. Scenes such as these make rapid steps in the arena of the modern demonstration.

M. Cephas B. Lynn will conclude the present series of lectures at Washington Hall, to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock. His audiences were very large during the course, and his lectures gave universal satisfaction. He is ready to make engagements for March and April, to appear in any part of the country. On May and June, he will speak in Stafford county. He will always receive a cordial welcome at any time in Philadelphia. His address is Sturges, Mich.

## WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS SAY.

NEW PAPER—"MIND AND MATTER" is the title of a new paper received at this office. It is an independent paper, devoted to the discussion of Spiritualism, religious and educational topics. It is really the best paper of its class, and has recently come under our notice. Persons holding to Spiritualistic views should subscribe for it. \$2.15 per annum, in advance. Single copies 6 cents. J. M. Roberts, 713 Sanson street, Philadelphia, Pa. Publisher. Herald, Boston, Tuesday, January 25.

Among the interesting papers that we find upon our table may be mentioned a weekly entitled MIND AND MATTER. Its mission is to investigate the scientific and phenomenal evidences of a future life. It discusses the entire range of occult and psychological phenomena from the Bible to modern Spiritualism, sleep walking, apparitions, ghosts, visions, trances, &c., and will be valuable to those interested in a discussion of these matters. Price \$2.15 per annum; single copies 6 cents. Address MIND AND MATTER, 713 Sanson street, Philadelphia. Anti Monopolist, Rochester, N. Y.

MIND AND MATTER.—This is the title of a new weekly paper started in Philadelphia, in the interests of Spiritualism. It is a very interesting paper, and we see it to be a highly interesting paper—able, able and aggressive upon error wherever found, and it is very interesting. It is published by J. M. Roberts, 713 Sanson street, Philadelphia. Terms to mail subscribers, single, \$2.15; 5 copies free of post. Address MIND AND MATTER, 713 Sanson street, Philadelphia, Pa. Messenger Westfield, N. Y.

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